

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



Pilot Awards

The graduation awards for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-10 were as follows:

2nd Lt. Benjamin L. Slinkard: Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy, Distinguished Graduate

Capt. David B. Faulkner: Order of Daedalians AETC Commander's Trophy, Distinguished Graduate

2nd Lt. Juan A. Torres: Outstanding Officer

Capt. Danny K. Conway: Flying Training Award

2nd Lt. William H. Smith: Flying Training Award

2nd Lt. Patrick J. McCoy: Academic Training Award

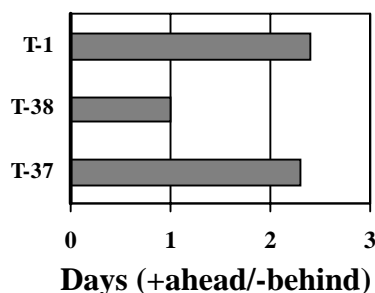
2nd Lt. Kyle H. Goldstein: Academic

2nd Lt. Michael G. Sommers: Daedalian Award

Mission status

(As of Feb. 23)

Student Timeline



Sorties flown in FY 00:
24,706

Hours flown in FY 00:
36,990

Pilot wings earned in FY 00:
126

Pilot wings earned since 1963:
11,772

Base's newest chiefs are inducted

Ceremony recognizes three joining top of enlisted force

By Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Staff writer

Three men walked square shouldered through the corridor of advancement formed by Air Force enlisted members of every rank, except one, each member holding a lit candle.

This was the entrance of Chief Master Sgt. William E. Schoen, 47th Communications Squadron, Chief Master Sgt. David C. Bratton, 47th Services Division and Chief Master Sgt. (select) Earl Jones, 47th Security Forces Squadron, during the chief's induction ceremony Saturday at Club XL.

The ceremony marked the trio's official admission into the Air Force chief's group and the top one percent of the enlisted force. Some consider promotion to chief master sergeant the definitive moment in an enlisted career.

"This is one of, if not the most important time in an enlisted person's career," said Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist, 47th Flying Training Wing command chief master sergeant. "Making the transition to the uppermost tier of the enlisted force is a very exciting step!"

A sense of excitement filled the air of the dimly lighted room during the ceremony as each member forming the corridor of advancement took his position. Each member lit his candle with the flame of the person who proceeded him.

"The candles symbolize the belief and philosophy that, as a chief – more than any other grade – you should never forget where you came from," Crist emphasized. "Because there are so few of us (chiefs), we go beyond what our job description reads. Chiefs must be able to re-



Photo by Guillermo Lopez

Schoen, Bratton, and Jones (from left to right) pledge to uphold the chief's creed during the induction ceremony.

late to those under their supervision and be ready to respond to questions of any junior member who needs them. The best chiefs I have known were able to do this because they remembered where they had come from and who helped them to get where they are."

The base's newest chiefs demonstrated their sense of devotion to the people who played a role in their achievements by unanimously deciding to have the ceremony at Laughlin. The event was the first of its kind here in several years, as previous promotees opted to be inducted at Lackland or Randolph with other chiefs. "To a man, they all wanted to be inducted at Laughlin with the men and women who helped them put that last stripe on their arms," Crist said proudly.

"The chief induction ceremony is a

celebration of a proud and long career of faithful service to my country," said Jones. "One made not by me alone, but by the grace of God and the efforts of my supervisors, co-workers, peers, friends and beloved family who have supported me along the way."

All of Laughlin's eligible senior master sergeants were selected this year, said Crist. That really says something about Laughlin. It is very uncommon to have a 100 percent selection rate at a base, he emphasized. None of these inductees came to Laughlin with a line number for chief. They all earned it here at Laughlin.

"Becoming a chief is realizing a dream that I have been striving for during my 23 years in the Air Force," said Bratton. "People have helped me through

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Air Force symbol explained Fewer stripes does not

Col. Ron Rand

Director of Air Force Public Affairs

Washington — Four weeks ago, U.S. Air Force Online News carried a story about the development and testing of a new Air Force symbol and theme. Although a final decision on the symbol is pending, the secretary of the Air Force and the Air Force chief of staff are aware of the keen interest throughout the force in its ultimate shape, design and meaning. They also want all members of the Air Force family to understand the motivation behind the development of a new and unifying symbol and theme to represent Air Force people and all the important things they do for our nation.

This initiative is not about changing or re-inventing the Air Force. It's about ensuring our own people and the public we serve have a clear, consistent understanding of who we are and the value we provide our nation. Because change always causes turbulence, we expect and welcome criticism and advice. To date, we've received input from all parts of the Air Force family and the general public — 10,000 people and counting!

Following is an explanation of what it means, as well as a site to provide feedback.

The U.S. Air Force symbol honors the heritage of our past and represents the promise of our future. It retains the core elements of our Air Corps heritage — the "Arnold" wings and star with circle — and modernizes them to reflect our aerospace force of today and tomorrow. The symbol has two main parts. In the upper half, the stylized wings represent the stripes of our strength — the en-

listed men and women of our force.

They have been drawn with great angularity to emphasize our swiftness and power, and they are divided into six sections which represent our core competencies — aerospace superiority, global attack, rapid global mobility, precision engagement, information superiority, and agile combat support.

In the lower half there are a sphere, a star and three diamonds. The sphere within the star represents the globe. It reminds us of our obligation to secure our nation's freedom with Global Vigilance,

Reach and Power. The globe also reminds us of our challenge as an expeditionary force to respond rapidly to crises and to provide decisive aerospace power, worldwide.

The area surrounding the sphere takes the shape of a star. The star has many meanings.

Its five points represent the components of our one force and family — our active duty, civilians, Guard, Reserve and retirees. The star symbolizes space as the high ground of our nation's aerospace force. The rallying symbol in all our wars, the star also represents our officer corps, central to our combat leadership.

The star has been framed with three diamonds, which represent our core values — integrity first, service before self and excellence in all we do. The elements come together to form one symbol that presents two powerful images — at once it is an eagle, the emblem of our nation, and a medal, representing valor in service to our nation.

(Courtesy of Air Mobility Command News Service)



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The shoulder sleeve insignia worn by all personnel of the Army Air Forces wherever stationed was approved on Feb. 23, 1942. The insignia now appears on AF uniform buttons.

Actionline

Call 298-5351

when appropriate.

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

Winfield W. Scott III

Col. Winfield W. Scott III

47th Flying Training Wing commander

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. It's also very useful in case more information is needed in order to pursue your inquiry. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality

Airman 1st Class

Jennifer Andrews

60th Air Mobility Wing Public Affairs

Air Force statistics indicate the average airman coming into the Air Force is 19.9 years old. Of those airmen, 16 percent had at least 15 hours of college credit.

Last year alone, 325 new recruits started basic training with a college degree, 13 of those had a master's degree. I am part of that percentage of new recruits with a college degree that chose to serve as an enlisted person. I was surprised when I arrived here to find that some assume the lack of rank to be a lack of intelligence.

This assumption is not true. Most airmen are smart, motivated and want to make a difference. The Air Force recruits airmen saying it holds them to a higher standard and only wants the "best of the best" to serve within its ranks. Yet, once new airmen arrive at their permanent station, this recruiting concept may be lost if new airmen aren't treated as the best of the best or held to a higher standard.

Today's airmen are not carbon copies of yesterday's Air Force. We come with different perspectives and an abundance of innovative ideas. We lack military experience and some of our ideas are not practical in a military environment. However, when energetic airmen are stifled and not given an opportunity to shine the Air Force is cheated out of a valuable resource.

Effective leaders bridge the experience gap by being mentors. When the time is taken to empower airmen, the military benefits from unexpected re-

sults.

In November, eight airmen here earned almost \$9,500 from the Air Force's Innovative Development through Employee Awareness program. Four members of the team were junior enlisted from the 60th Aerial Port Squadron. Their contributions helped improve the government bill of lading process for the squadron's freight management section. The idea saves Travis about \$68,000 annually.

A senior airman from Eglin AFB, Fla., received the 1998 Air Force Submitter of the Year award. It is the most prestigious award associated with the IDEA program. In 1998, the Air Force accepted 14 of his 21 ideas submitted. He is credited with saving the Air Force more than \$93,762.

Airman 1st Class John Levitow was the lowest ranking

airman in history to receive the Medal of Honor. He was a 23-year-old airman first class working as a loadmaster aboard an AC-47 during the Vietnam War when he threw himself on a magnesium flare to save the lives of the people on board.

In these cases, the airmen were held accountable for their actions and respected for their initiative. They did not succeed all on their own, but under the guidance of their leaders.

Part of what leadership means is being passionate about motivating others to succeed and holding them accountable when they don't. NCOs and officers are required to accept the responsibility of being leaders. In turn, airmen must accept responsibility to prove themselves.

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***“Excellence –
not our goal, but
our standard.”***

– 47 FTW motto

Safety Stats

As of Dec. 20, 1999
(Fiscal Year)

	'00	Total '99
On-duty mishaps	1	5
Off-duty mishaps	1	12
Traffic mishaps	0	2
Sports & Rec mishaps	1	6
Fatalities	0	0

DoD officials disagree with House report on anthrax**By Army Staff Sgt.****Kathleen T. Rhem***American Forces Press Service*

DOD officials said they have no intention of ending their program of mandatory anthrax vaccinations for service members, despite a House of Representatives panel's recommendation that the program should be suspended.

“The Department of Defense is very confident in the anthrax program that we have undertaken,” said Dr. Sue Bailey, assistant secretary of defense for health affairs, at a Pentagon briefing Feb. 17.

“We have a very safe and effective vaccine against a very deadly biologic agent that we know to be in the hands of many of our adversaries.

“Were (service members) not vaccinated and exposed to this agent, they would die a horrible death. It is our mission to protect those forces,” Bailey said.

A critical report released Feb. 17 by the Government Reform Committee's National Security subcommittee stated the military's program to inoculate all 2.4 million troops against anthrax was based on “dangerously narrow scientific” evidence.

The panel recommended the vaccination program be suspended and the vaccine be considered experimental.

The Pentagon's top bio-defense official, Marine Corps Maj. Gen. Randy L. West, said

he was disappointed by much of what was in that report. West is the special advisor to the secretary of defense for anthrax and bio-defense affairs.

“There are a lot of allegations in there that I believe were appropriately answered during the seven hearings that we had on this issue last year,”

West said, referring to congressional hearings on the anthrax vaccination program held in September and October. “I believe if you take many of the negative comments that are made in the report and go back and bounce them against the testimony that was given, you'll find many of those concerns were adequately addressed.”

However, West said, he's glad that the committee called DOD's program a well-intended effort and that the members recognized there is a legitimate threat.

“I would champion their proposal that we aggressively seek a better vaccine,” he said. In fact, the general said, there's currently a funded, aggressive program under the supervision of the Centers for Disease

Control in Atlanta to do just that.

“We also believe anything that we can do to improve the shot protocol would be a good thing,” West said. “If you can give this vaccination in less than six shots, you're probably going to have fewer reactions, and the fewer reactions we have the better it is.”

West said DOD budgeted \$20 million in 1999 to work with the CDC and determine ways to improve the program. He said those efforts are in four areas: shot regimen, gender differences, method of delivering the vaccine, and determining the amount of immunity gained from the regimen.

But, he said, pending improve-

ments shouldn't prevent DOD from using the best measures currently available. “We should always want better medicine. We should always want to find a better vaccine. We should always want to find ways to administer it that are less invasive,” West said. “But those things take time. Those are months or years away, and we need to get on with it.”

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–Dr. Sue Bailey*Assistant secretary of
defense for health affairs***See ‘Anthrax’ page 12****Air Force major declines court-martial, accepts Article 15 for anthrax refusal**

Maj. Sonnie Bates, who has been accused of disobeying a lawful order from a superior officer, has withdrawn his prior request to be tried by court-martial.

On Feb. 15, Major Bates requested and accepted nonjudicial punishment proceedings under Article 15 of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

Additionally, Col. S. Taco Gilbert III, 436th Airlift Wing commander, granted Major Bates' request to terminate court martial proceedings.

Major Bates received an order Dec. 1, 1999, to be inoculated with the anthrax vaccine, an order he refused.

An election to accept nonjudicial punishment proceed-

ings does not constitute an admission of guilt, nor does it legally equate to a “conviction.” Rather, it reflects a decision to accept less formal disciplinary proceedings. Under Article 15, a member accused of an offense is allowed to present evidence to the commander instead of presenting it to a panel of members or military judge as would occur in a formal court-martial proceeding.

If, after considering all evidence, the commander determines punishment is appropriate, the maximum that may be imposed in this case is a forfeiture of one-half pay for two months, 60 days restriction, 30 days arrest in quarters and a censure. (APN)

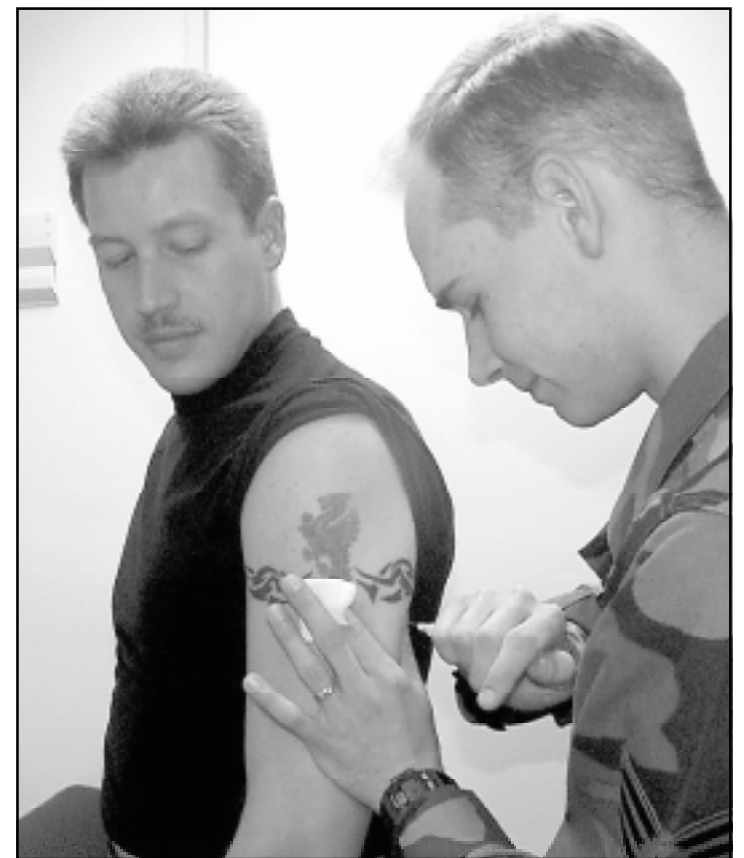


Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Hot shot

Senior Airman Daniel Grabski, 47th Aeromedical Dental Squadron, gives the anthrax vaccination shot to Staff Sgt. William Meyers, 47th Operations Support Squadron. 171 people on base have started the anthrax vaccination process since the program began in 1998.

The *XLer*

Hometown: Wasco, Calif.
Family: Husband, Senior Airman Sang Scott; son, Bradley and a baby due in July.
Time at Laughlin: 10 years.
Time in service: More than 2 years.
Name one way to improve life at Laughlin: Expand the base, or make it a short remote tour.
Greatest accomplishment: Two college degrees and a happy home life.
Long-term goals: To own my own business and complete a master's degree.
Hobbies: Reading and collecting elephants.
Favorite food: Pasta dishes.
Favorite beverage: Grape juice.
Bad habit: Being unintentionally rude while speaking my mind.
If you could spend one hour



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

Maria Scott
47th Communications Squadron

with any person in history, who would it be and why?

Not one person exactly, however I would like to get Jesus, Martin Luther King, John F. Kennedy, Cesar Chavez and

Emily Dickenson together and ask them what they think of the world today. That way, I could find out the answers to some of history's greatest unsolved questions.

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

-**Daily Mass** 12:05 p.m.
-**Saturday Mass** 5 p.m.
-**Sunday Mass** 9:30 a.m.
-**Confession** 4:15 - 4:45 p.m. Saturday, or by appointment.
-**Choir** 6 p.m. Thursdays.
-**Sunday school** 11 a.m., religious education building.

-Sunday School, 9:30 a.m., religious education building.

-Awana, Wednesdays from 6 - 7:30 p.m.
(For more information on AWANA, call Mike or Karen Silver at 298-3247).

Jewish

- Max Stool
219 West Strickland St.
Del Rio, Texas
Phone: 775-4519

Protestant

-General worship 11 a.m.
-Bible study video luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellowship hall.

The Oasis Room, (front entrance of Bldg. 328), is a place for comfort and confidential counseling! Sponsored by your base chaplains!

To schedule the Oasis Room for small Bible studies, prayer meetings, or counseling appointments with a chaplain, call the chapel at

5111 or the Oasis Room at 4975 during the hours listed above.

For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.

African American astronaut: Dr. Mae Jemison

Mae C. Jemison was born the youngest of three children. Raised in Chicago, she graduated from Morgan Park High School in 1973. She then earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemical Engineering from Stanford University in 1977, while also fulfilling the requirements for a Bachelor of Arts in African-American studies.

She then attended medical school and received a Doctor of Medicine degree from Cornell University in 1981. While in medical school, Jemison traveled to Cuba, Kenya and Thailand, providing primary medical

care to people living there. Following medical school, Jemison served in the Peace Corps for two years. She was stationed in Sierra Leone and Liberia, West Africa as the area Peace Corps medical officer. There she supervised the pharmacy, laboratory and medical staff.

Jemison provided medical care, wrote self-care manuals, developed and also implemented guidelines for health and safety issues.

She also had contact with and worked in conjunction with the Center for Disease Control on research for various vaccines.

In 1985, after returning from the Peace Corps, Dr. Jemison secured a position with the CIGNA Health Plans of California as a general practitioner in Los Angeles. There she began attending graduate classes in engineering and applied to NASA for admission to the astronaut program. Her first application was not accepted.

It was her second application in 1987 that was accepted that allowed her to become an astronaut candidate; She became one of fifteen candidates accepted from 2,000 applicants.

Dr. Jemison successfully completed her astronaut training

program in August 1988, becoming the fifth black astronaut and first black female astronaut in NASA history.

In 1992, she participated in SPACELAB J, a successful joint U.S. and Japanese science mission, making Mae Jemison the first black woman in space.

The cooperative mission conducted experiments in materials processing and sciences.

Jemison is outspoken about the impact of technical advances in the black population and encourages African Americans to pursue careers in science and engineering.



Knowing certain safety hazards can prevent house fires

By John H. Alexander
Base Fire Department

There may be a hidden hazard lurking in your laundry room.

Clothes dryers are responsible for more than 15,000 fires each year.

Though these fires prove to be very disastrous, there are several ways to prevent them from happening.

Here are a few safety tips to prevent fire in your home:

- According to the Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 14,000 clothes dryer-related fires occur each year. Since dust and lint buildup is the major problem, CPSC recommends that the lint filter in the dryer be cleaned after each load to ensure the dryer is operating properly. Check for dust and lint buildup in the exhaust duct and around other

major appliances, such as washers, water heaters and furnaces.

- Never put synthetic fabrics, plastic, rubber or foam into a dryer since they retain heat. Dryers must also be vented to the outside and plugged into its own outlet. One should never leave home with the dryer running.
- Take all the clothes out of the dryer after the cycle is done.
- All appliances should be unplugged when not in use. If an appliance begins to smoke or smell, unplug it immediately.
- Heat producing devices, such as irons



and automatic brew coffee pots, should never be trusted to turn themselves on and off, particularly if they depend on a clock or timer.

- Don't leave stoves or burners unattended when cooking. Also, don't wear loose fitting clothes while cooking since they catch fire more easily.
- Unplug power tools when not in use.
- Don't plug too many items in the same electrical outlet or circuit and check wiring an outlets for signs of damage.
- Don't place extension cords under rugs. Instead, use longer ones and go around edges.
- Leave lots of space around fans and

space heaters.

- Always remember to keep matches and lighters away from children.
- Keep a fire extinguisher near each exit.
- Hold a fire drill showing everyone how to stay low and exit from the house in the event of a fire.

Nearly one third of home fire victims lost their lives in fires that were smoking-related.

If you have a smoker in your home, install a smoke and fire alarm in his or her room and have large, heavy ashtrays placed in various locations.

Even though a fire is reported every 15 seconds, in most cases they are completely preventable. Just a little maintenance and cleaning will keep your home and your family fire safe.

Pets of the month



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

It's mine!

Sadie Mae, (left), and Pecos Jack fight over a stick in front of the base veterinarian clinic. These Jack Russell Terriers made their second trip to the clinic to get another series of distemper and parvo inoculations.

check this
out!



For Air Force news, turn these pages every Friday.
For more news, go to the web every Wednesday. <http://www.af.mil/newspaper>

Air Force chaplains take on new role

By Staff Sgt. Christopher Haug
Pacific Air Force News Service

Changes in the Air Force mission, coupled with a more diverse Air Force population, has driven Air Force chaplains to look for newer ways to minister to their military communities, according to the deputy chief of the Air Force Chaplain Service.

"Air Force chaplains have to be open to nontraditional as well as traditional methods," said Brig. Gen. Lorraine Potter. "Many of our bases are now offering contemporary worship services that include musical bands playing upbeat religious music.

"These services do not favor any one religion," she said. "They are intended to reach a part of our community that was not raised in a traditional religion, but who have a need to come together with people their age and worship."

At Kadena Air Base, Japan, 900 people come together each week for their community worship service, according to Senior Master Sgt. Mark Hogue, executive to the Pacific Air Forces chaplain.

"They have to hold the service in the Kadena theater because the chapel only seats 350," Hogue said.

Yokota AB, Japan, holds a bridge-the-gap service that is similar to the Kadena format. "These services don't provide a prescribed format," Potter said. "They are in a more modern format that is free flowing and largely driven by the people who attend them."

Another changing role for Air Force chaplains is how they are used while deployed in support of peacekeeping missions.

"The Air Force is helping people of many different nations maintain peace in their part of the world," Potter said. "These people come from many different backgrounds and beliefs, but they all look to someone to help them make sense of what is happening."

"We want deployed commanders to look at our chaplains as trusted agents that can help communicate, both to the military community and to the local religious community, why our mission there is important."

Potter said the chaplain service's number one concern is recruiting and retention. "We are actively recruiting people who want the opportunity to minister to a diverse population of many faiths," Potter said. "We can no longer recruit people who only want to minister in one traditional religion because it just is not feasible."

She explained that since Desert Storm, the chaplain service has become much more mobile. Chaplains are asked to get out into the shops with the people and to become accessible to everyone, not just the religion they may have come from.

"This could be uncomfortable for some because they are used to ministering to people from the pulpit in the church," she said. "We need people who are open to new ideas and who want a chance to minister to a larger more diverse population."

How much do you really know about energy conservation?

With Energy Awareness Month coming in April, learning a few things about conservation now, can help to get the ball rolling a little early.

Listed below are eight questions to test your knowledge on energy conservation.

How much do you really know about energy conservation and what you can do to help with energy consumption?

Take the quiz and find out:
1. It takes less gasoline to stop and restart your car than to let the motor idle for more than _____ minute(s).

- A) 1 minute
- B) 3 minutes
- C) 5 minutes

2. Air infiltration and leakage are responsible for much of the energy wasted in the home. The most cost-effective way to control this problem is by

- A) adding attic insulation.
- B) adding storm windows
- C) caulking and weatherstripping windows, doors, and base boards.

3. The average dishwasher uses 14 gallons of hot water per load. How much hot water does the optional “rinse hold” feature use?

- A) 2 gallons
- B) 3-7 gallons
- C) 10 gallons

4. Heating water takes about what percentage of all the energy used in the home?

- A) 5 %
- B) 10%
- C) 15%

5. Microwave cooking is _____ times more energy efficient than conventional cooking.

- A) 2-5
- B) 7-10
- C) 10-15

6. Driving at 55mph rather than 70mph on the highway will increase your gas mileage on average of what percent?

- A) 21%
- B) 22%
- C) 26%

7. Dirt and dust on the bulb and lenses of light fixtures can decrease total light values by as much as

- A) 15%
- B) 35%
- C) Dust on the bulb and lenses would not affect the light values

8. Installing a flow restrictor in not only easy to install but saves water by restricting the flow to _____ per minute.

- A) 2 gallons
- B) 4 gallons
- C) 6 gallons

Let’s see how you did! The answers to the questions are as follows: 1. A 2. C 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. A 7. B 8. B

For more information on energy conservation, reference the Federal Energy Management Program at <http://www.eren.doe.gov/femp> or call the energy office at 1-800-363-3732.

Military family housing to receive exterior facelift

By Paul Stover
47th Civil Engineering Squadron

The clean and seal brick project in military family housing began Tuesday, and continue through Aug. 15.

This contract will seal 140 units starting in the officer housing area, then move to the enlisted housing area and finish up in officer housing.

The work for this project will start at 9002 Knight and proceed up the street with the units on the south side of the street.

Flyers will be placed in mailboxes at least 24-hours in advance of the work in your area.

Weekly updates will ap-

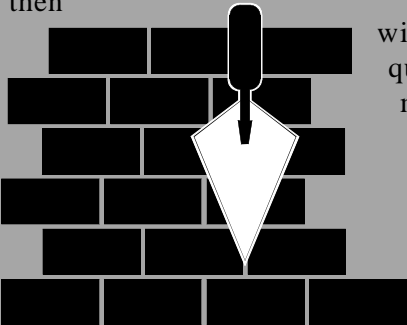
pear in the Border Eagle indicating the scheduled work area for the following week.

The contractor, A-Plus Services Unlimited, will be cleaning and sealing the brick veneer on the exterior walls of the units.

Occupants will be required to remove items placed next to the brick walls and ensure vegetation is trimmed back.

Please ensure pets are restrained and children are kept away from the work area.

Your assistance in this effort is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or concerns, contact Paul Stover at 298-5062, or Dela Cruz at 298-5253.



DoD fixes several inequities in base allowance for housing rates

By Jim Garamone
American Forces Press Service

Service members who move into areas where the basic allowance for housing rate dropped Jan. 1 will still be paid at the higher 1999 rate, Defense Department officials said Feb. 22.

Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said DOD will add \$27 million to the basic allowance for housing to get rid of an “irritant” caused by a new method of measur-

ing service members’ stateside housing costs. Service members of the same grade and living in the same area were receiving different allowances.

The new computing system raised allowances in some areas and reduced them in others. But DOD officials gave one-time rate protection to service members in areas where the rates declined — so long as they did not move, the members would be paid at the higher rate.

However, Bacon said, service members moving into an area were receiving the new, lower rate. The additional \$27 million eliminates this inequity, he said.

“This was a problem of great concern for those receiving less money from the government,” Bacon said. “So we’re going to fix this small, but annoying inequity that some service members were experiencing.” He said DOD officials are not sure where the \$27 million will come from.

With this action, Bacon said, DOD officials hope all concerned can focus on the larger problem: eliminating out-of-pocket expenses for service members living off-base by 2005. He said service members living off base currently pay about 19 percent of their costs out-of-pocket. Defense Secretary William S. Cohen has proposed reducing those expenses to 15 percent in 2001. Eliminating out-of-pocket expenses will cost \$3 billion.

Question of the week

As you complete your military career, what is your most memorable highlight?



“It has been exhilarating for me to serve with the greatest people in the world. The friendships and acquaintances I’ve made will stay with me for the rest of my life.”

Col. Len Jarman
47th Flying Training Wing



“The day a civilian came up to me and said, ‘You are the first military person I have ever met, and if you are an example of the people that are in the military defending our country, we are in great hands.’”

Master Sgt. Shirley Simon
47th Support Group



“I had the honor of being a member of the NATO contingency for ‘Cooperative Key 97,’ which was a Partnership for Peace exercise held in the country of Slovakia. It was a privilege to be able to visit this country and work with members of its military.”

Master Sgt. Mark Liles
47th Communications Squadron



“Everything! I thank God for the opportunities my family has enjoyed. Opportunities to serve our country, raise a family, establish long-term friendships and travel.”

Chief Master Sgt. Douglas Baskin
47th Flying Training Wing

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Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

All in a day's work

Yolanda L. Solis, (left), and Tech. Sgt. Neil G. Fultz, load a hose on a fire truck following a call to the 47th Operations Support Squadron. They were responding to an automatic alarm that went off in the building.

47th Medical Group

Reinforce your love for your children often—tell them you love them and give plenty of hugs and kisses.

Don't equate what your children do with who they are. For example, tell your son he did a bad thing, not, "you're a bad boy."

Let your children know their thoughts and feelings are important.

Give children choices, not threats. Instead of saying, "If you don't stop playing ball in the house, you're going to get it!" try, "It's up to you, you can either stop playing ball in the house, or you can go outside to play ball." Give your child a choice only when you really want the child to decide—and then accept the child's decision.

Help your children set realistic goals.

Comments like, "you're wonderful," are good self-esteem builders, but learn to be specific, too. Identify your child's strong personality traits, and take time to comment on them.

Be polite to your children, by saying "please" and "thank you."

Tell your children that you appreciate their help and compliment them even on small tasks done well.

When asking something of a child, make sure they understands the rules fully. They will feel more confident with the responsibility.

Teach your children to solve their own problems. If they ask how to do something, don't do it for them. Explain or demonstrate.

Always give your children a reason. Never say, "because I said so." This says children are not worthy of an explanation.

that are in danger of aerosolized, weaponized anthrax today. We can't wait until we've got a new-and-improved vaccine to give them the protection they need."

Bailey agreed. "(Anthrax) is as deadly as ebola," she said, ex-

plaining that anthrax is almost 100 percent deadly if not treated before symptoms develop.

She explained DOD requires service members to receive many vaccines that aren't voluntary. "It is not only to protect the troops but to protect the effectiveness of the mission," Bailey said.

She used the example of tetanus vaccine being required during World War II. "Although there were millions of wounds and casualties, we only had 12 cases of tetanus," she said. "It's that protection that medicine can afford to our troops, and we are intent upon providing it (Courtesy AFPN)

'Chiefs,' from page 1

out my career to get me where I am today, and now it is my responsibility to help others."

The candle missing from the corridor was that representing the chief master sergeant. Chief Master Sgt. Doug Baskin carried

the candle into the room and stood before the inductees. The ceremony's sergeant major then read the chief's creed charging the inductees with the responsibilities and honor of being selected as a chief master sergeant.

"I had the opportunity to attend other chief induction ceremonies and was very excited for the newly promoted chiefs," said Schoen. "I could only imagine the feeling they had within. Now, I can tell you it is unbelievable. The overwhelming feeling you have for the Air Force and its entire family cannot be described," he continued. "Making chief affords me an even greater opportunity to help support and improve the already great Air Force way of life!"

So, though the promotion to chief brings with it new responsibilities, according to Crist, nobody can leave a chief induction ceremony without feeling pumped and ready to take on those responsibilities. With this in mind, these new inductees shouldn't have too tough of a time getting settled in their new



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Crew gathers critical data for airborne laser program

By Staff Sgt.
Karin Wickwire

51st Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Preparations for future warfighting are happening now as a C-135E aircraft from Kirtland Air Force Base, N.M., flies sorties to gather atmospheric measurements vital to the Airborne Laser program.

Once operational, the ABL's primary mission will be to destroy theater ballistic missiles during their boost phase, which occurs during initial lift-off.

How will the ABL work? According to Maj. Pedro Oms, Airborne Laser System Program Office deputy director, management operations, at Kirtland, the system fires a laser with enough power to cause a 12-inch crack to form on a missile's housing. Once the crack occurs, internal engine pressure forces the missile to explode.

This ability to stop a missile during the boost phase offers two advantages over some current weapons used to destroy airborne missiles.

First, it can serve as a countermeasure. "By killing a missile in the boost phase, it could easily fall (back) down on the enemy, providing a very effective countermeasure when you're talking about mass destruction weapons," Oms said.

The second advantage is cost. "It costs only \$3,000 to use the ABL to destroy a TBM as opposed to the \$1 million plus for one Patriot (air and missile

defense weapon)," the major added.

In addition to its primary role, the ABL system will have four secondary roles — providing early TBM launch warning, identifying the launch site location, identifying the impact point location and cueing other theater missile defense systems, such as the Patriots, he said. But in order to do its priority job, the ABL must be able to fire a laser beam with enough power and focus to destroy TBMs. To fire the laser accurately, the system must account for and adjust to disturbances in the atmosphere that could cause the laser to lose focus or power, rendering it ineffective, Oms explained.

That's where the C-135E, which is operated by Detachment 2 from Kirtland, comes into play. An aircrew from the detachment — which actually belongs to the 452nd Flight Test Squadron from Edwards AFB, Calif. — and ABL members have been measuring atmospheric distortion over the Korean peninsula to ensure the ABL can be effective here in case war ever happens.

Even though the first ABL operational system is still some years away, by taking measurements now, the Air Force is building a database that provides guidance on what atmospheric conditions can be expected and what the ABL's range should be during different seasons in the various theaters, Oms said.

(Courtesy AFPN)

Where are they now?

Name: Lt. Col. Donald S. Watrous.

Class/Date of graduation from Laughlin: Class 84-05, May 1984.

Aircraft you now fly and base you are stationed at: F-15C, Nellis AFB.

What do you like most about your current aircraft? Excellent performance mission tasks, undefeated in combat.

What do you dislike most about your current aircraft? Its old and having more mx problems.

Mission of your aircraft? Air superiority.

What was the most important thing you learned at

Laughlin besides learning to fly? How to teach.

What is your most memorable experience from Laughlin? Birth of my daughter.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Whatever happens, it's worth it to fly.



Air force photo of a F-15.

Laughlin New Arrivals

Congratulations to the newest members of the Laughlin community and their families! They are:

Rachel Nicol James: 6 lbs. 14 oz, girl, born Feb. 3 to Capt. Larry James, 87th Flying Training Squadron, and his wife, Dana.

Garrett Stephen Hackmaster: 7 lbs. 7 oz, boy, born Dec. 23 to Capt. Melissa Hackmaster, 47th Medical Operations Squadron, and her husband, Nelson.



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Falcons to open lacrosse season against Lehigh Univ.

The Air Force Academy's Falcon lacrosse team opens its 2000 campaign on the road.

The Air Force will travel to Bethlehem, Pa., to face Lehigh University today.

The Falcon coaching staff is looking for an improvement over last season's 2-11 overall and 0-4 in the Great Western Lacrosse League.

The 2000 schedule is challenging, but Coach Fred Acee is optimistic the Falcons will rise to the challenge.

As in previous years, the Falcons will be forced to look for someone to accept the offensive leadership of the team. Though this proves challenging, someone usually rises to the task.

After facing Lehigh, the Falcons will then travel to West Point, N.Y. to take on the Army Sunday. The Black Knights have defeated the Falcons in all of their seven meetings.

The Army, directed by head coach Jack Emmer, compiled an 8-6 record and finished the season ranked 20th in the USILA poll.

This season Emmer welcomes back 29 lettermen, and five returning starters. The Cadets look to make a run toward their 13th NCAA Tournament bid.

(Courtesy Air Force Falcons Official Sports Website)

Last season, the Air Force

fell to Lehigh, 8-3. The Falcons scored only one goal in the first three periods as the Lehigh defense stifled the Falcon attack.

Lehigh leads the competitive series 3-1. The last time the Falcons defeated Lehigh was in 1984.

Lehigh University claimed its first-ever Patriot League men's lacrosse title last season.

The Mountain Hawks closed out the 1999 season with a 7-6 mark, 4-1 in league play. The team earned a national ranking midway through the season and was nationally ranked in defense, scoring margin, EMO defense and winning percentage.

Intramural basketball standings

Eastern conference

Teams	W	L
CES	3	0
87 FTS	2	1
LCSAM	1	2
SFS	1	2
OSS	1	3

Western conference

Teams	W	L
CS/SVS	3	0
MDG	3	0
86 FTS	1	2
OSS II	0	2
MSS	0	3

Bowling standings

OSS	115	39
CES	95	59
SFS	87	67
SVS	82	72
Boeing	79	75
MDG	76	78
FTW	68	86
MSS	64	90
CDC	60	94
CS	44	110

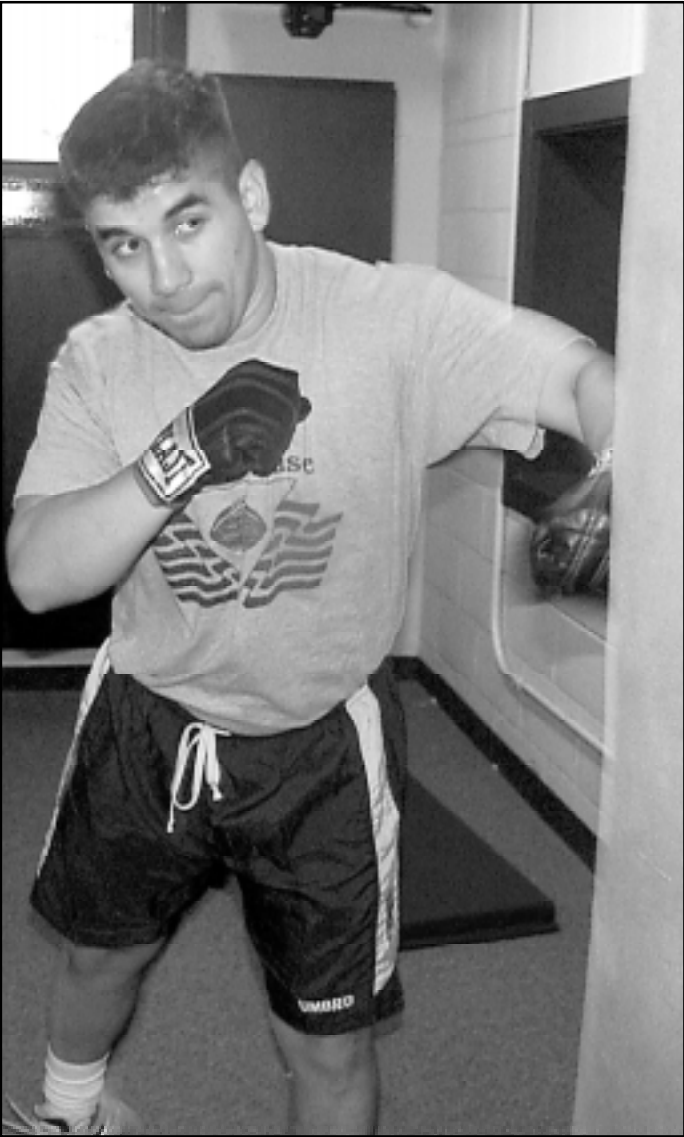
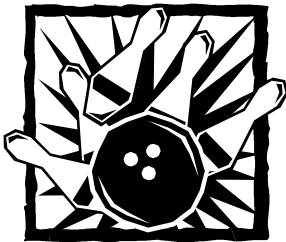


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Lights out!

Senior Airman George Yesian, 47th Operations Support Squadron, trains with the heavy bag at the XL Fitness Center Wednesday. The XL Fitness Center has one heavy bag and one speed bag for kickboxing and boxing training.

XL Fitness Center hours

Monday – Thursday	5 a.m. to midnight
Friday	5 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Saturday, Sunday, Holidays and Goal Days	9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Brad Pettit

EAST to the rescue

Stuart Parks, utilities leader for EAST Incorporated, pumps water from a hole dug to repair a break in the base water line Wednesday. The water supply was temporarily interrupted at a few facilities while repairs were being made. EAST employs 88 people in the Civil Engineer Squadron's operations flight; they are responsible for maintenance of all base facilities and a variety of other tasks.

events is as follows:

- Friday—dinner at the Ramada Inn. The cost is \$10 per couple.
- Saturday—two sessions at the Chapel will be What is Intimacy at 9 a.m. and How do we live intimacy at 12:15 p.m. Sessions will end by 2:30.
- Sunday—conference concludes with worship. The theme will be The Christian Family. Chaplain Mike Sproul will be the speaker for all events.

The conference is open to everyone, and childcare will be provided. Pre registration is required by Monday; registration forms are at the Chapel. Childcare will be provided.

For more information, call 5111.

Art Auction

The Officer Spouse Club will have an art auction Saturday at Club XL. Previews start at 6 p.m., the auction starts at 7 p.m. No reservations required.

For more information, call RaShell King at 298-7534.

Men of integrity

Men of integrity gather on the first Saturday of each month at Luby's Restaurant from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Come and join us on Sat, Mar 4, for praise and fellowship. Men of Integrity is a local Christian outreach encouraging men of all races, denominations, ages, and cultures to live Godly lives. Cost for the breakfast is \$5.

For more information, contact Joe Macklin at 774-0633 or Rick Dalton at 775-1792.

Promotion testing cycles

The calendar year 2000 enlisted promotion testing dates are as follows:

- 00E6, technical sergeant - Feb. 1-March 15
- 00E7, master sergeant - Feb. 1 - March 15
- 00E5, staff sergeant - April 1-30
- 01E8, senior master sergeant. - Nov. 1-10
- 00E9, chief master sergeant. - Sept. 5-8

Although the test windows are smaller for every cycle, this change does not affect the promotion eligibility cutoff date for any grade.

Test rescheduling must be kept to a minimum to ensure everyone can be tested within the testing window. Individuals who will depart on temporary duty during the testing window must be tested prior to their departure. Commanders support staffs and base testing offices must work together to ensure compliance with AFI 36-2605, para A10.10.3.3. If an individual is going to be TDY during the entire testing window they will be tested prior to the publicized testing window if the booklet is available. Members who decline testing when given the opportunity to test become ineligible for promotion for the remainder of the cycle.

For more information, call Paulette Babin at 5350.

Privacy Act

The Privacy Act Program, outlined in Air Force Instruction 33-332, protects the privacy of individuals. Anyone privileged to privacy information on others should adhere to the following procedures:

■ Always shred Privacy Act documentation before disposal. Shredders are located building 348, staging area, for high volume shredding. To use the shredders, call 5618.

■ Label diskettes or other removable electronic storage devices, that contain Privacy Act information with an Air Force Privacy Act label, AFVA 33-207.

■ Never give privacy information over unsecure media, including telephones and e-mail.

In general, always protect Privacy Act information from unauthorized disclosure. Only persons performing their official duties and having a need to know should have access.

For more information, please contact the Privacy Act and Freedom of Information Act Office, at 5618.

Financial management

The Personnel Financial Management Program offers assistance with such topics as values, goals and personality, life cycle financial planning, budgeting, credit, debt management, banking services, car buying, housing, insurance, investment, estate planning, marriage, retirement and consumer issues.

The service is free and open to all base personnel and retirees.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call Tech. Sgt. Amy Urban at 5109.

Job fair

There will be a mini-job fair for the Texas Dept of Public Safety in the Family Support Center's conference room from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Applications will be issued and accepted at this time. Testing will be held in Del Rio on a date to be announced.

For sign-up and information, call 298-5620.

PA notes

■ The Border Eagle editor is TDY until March 30. Please send all submissions and correspondence relating to the base newspaper during this time to Staff Sgt. Reginal Woodruff at: reginal.woodruff@laughlin.af.mil.

■ Publication deadline for items submitted to the Border Eagle is 4:30 p.m. Thursday, one week prior to the issue you want the item to appear in.

■ The public affairs office will be closed for training Fridays at 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 5262.

Information awareness

As a reminder to all government computer users, per AFI 33-129, *Transmission of Information Via the Internet*, you are only allowed to visit Internet sites needed for you to conduct your official duties.

For additional information on computer use and security, call at 5700.

Promotion ceremony

The monthly enlisted promotion ceremony will be Tuesday at Club Amistad.

Park University

Park college is now park university. The change follows a decade preparation under the leadership of Dr. Don Breckon, president of the university. The institution has updated and expanded its facilities, academic programs and electronic delivery systems.

"What we are seeking is an even stronger, better and more viable institution that will thrive in the years ahead," said Beckon.

Also, the university's three Internet degree completion programs were accredited. Students can now complete bachelor's degrees in Management; Criminal Justice Administration and Management/Computer Information Systems online.

For further information on Internet courses and programs call 800 482-2538 or contact Dai Flake at 5593.

Marriage conference

The Chapel is sponsoring a marriage conference scheduled for March 3, 4 and 5. A schedule of the